

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

The last issue saw us congratulating ourselves on the fantastic Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Little did we know that within a week of writing that we would be saying farewell and thank you Ma'm to probably the most loved individual on the planet. At the time of the funeral we were abroad on holiday and everyone we spoke to shared their admiration and fond memories of Queen Elizabeth II. As a community we have certainly shared a tumultuous period in history - some great, some not so, and I feel our community spirit has helped us enjoy or endure the journey.

On that note, a warm welcome to the many new neighbours who have joined us. I'm sure you'll soon appreciate what a uniquely wonderful community you have become a part of.

Any letters to the newsletter would be welcome, if you've something you want aired then drop me a line.

You can now read the Newsletter on line. Go to sheviockparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter/ to access this, and previous copies.

If you have any contributions you'd like to see printed in the newsletter, do please get in touch. Any items submitted should be original, or with the owner's permission, and you'll have a world wide readership.

Steve Medway

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I hope all our contributors are happy with this issue. If you have any points to make regarding this newsletter, please let me know.

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200 Club Update

Before the pandemic and lockdown kept us all away from our friends and family, many of the parishioners (and those further afield) supported The Shevioc Memorial Hall by joining the Memorial Hall Supporters Club. We hope to resume in the new year. It is the easiest way to support the hall. For those of you who don't know – a £5 payment, once a year, gets one number which goes into a weekly draw to win a tenner – as simple as that.

We have a team of very kind volunteer collectors that even come to you to collect the cash, again – no effort.

So alongside you attending events and classes, hiring out the rooms and offering ideas for ways that the Hall can thrive, we will be starting up the club again in the new year.

Then I will meet with the collectors and get them up to speed and they will be doing their rounds again. They will be asking anybody new if they want to support the Hall as well.

If you would like to be a collector, then please call me as well. Here's looking forward to your ongoing support for the Hall.

James Carter. Tel: 230757. Address - 17 Kimberley Foster Close

I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

My driving instructor told me to pull over somewhere safe. After 10 minutes he asked me why I hadn't pulled over. I said we are still in Manchester!

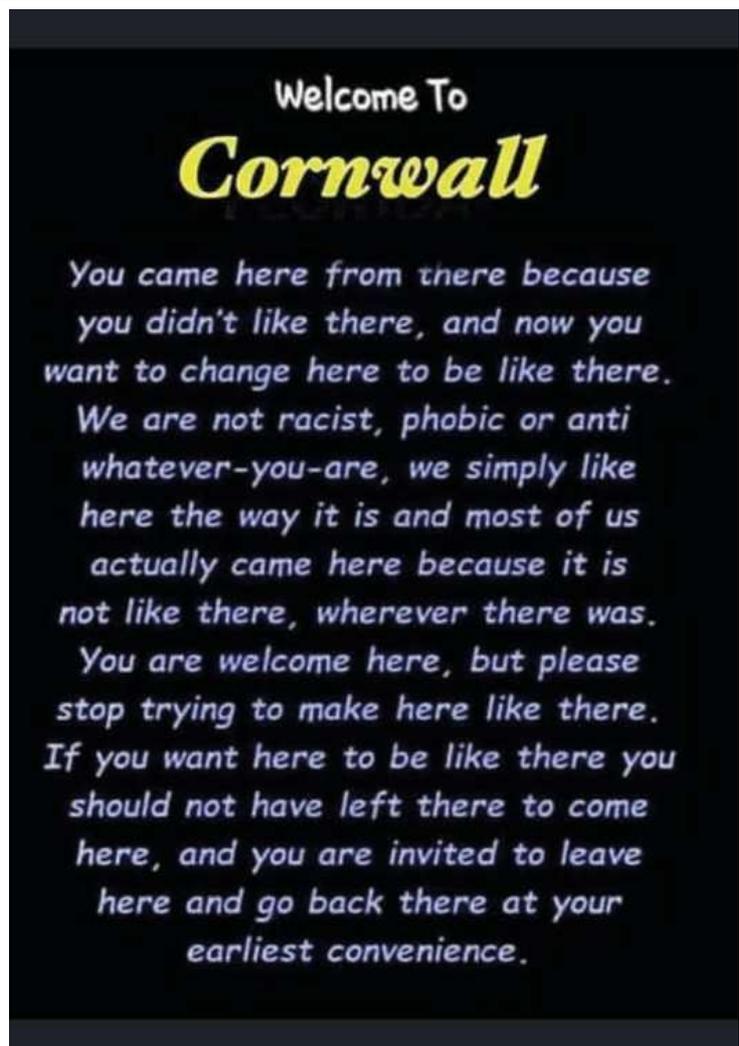
I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself this is the last thing I need.

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

A dad is washing the car with his son. After a moment, the son asks his father, "Do you think we could use a sponge instead?"

Thanks onlinefun.com

Borrowed from Facebook



Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

Joy in the Church with Cornwall Rock Choir

I'm still smiling from last night's concert at Sheviock Parish Church with Cornwall Rock Choir. It was a wonderful evening of music and so beautifully led by Marcus the Musical Director. We are so proud of our Parish members in the Rock Choir and it was an absolute delight to hear so many singing – with such joy! We have raised just over £650 so our sincere thanks to the Choir, our audience and the team of volunteers that have supported throughout this year. We managed to hold last night's concert in the midst of our building contract for the Memorial Path – which although muddy in places – is half way through. We have tried to keep closure to the churchyard to an



absolute minimum and do appreciate the forbearance of Sheviock locals.

Our next event is the Angel Festival on 10/11 December – and I am delighted with the very creative response and enthusiasm from those of you preparing Angels. We will indeed

entertain a host of Angels over that week! The festival also includes a concert with Reflections on the Saturday evening and a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" – in colour – on the Sunday afternoon.

Also make a note in your diaries for Christmas Eve at 3pm when we are holding our Café Carols – based on the format of the much

enjoyed Sunday Teas - we will have carols accompanied in a jazz style in a very relaxed atmosphere.

We've just finalised the programme for next year which is published in this edition of the Newsletter so do make a note in your diaries. If you are interested in volunteering to support the Heritage Gateway - this is specifically for the care and upkeep of our beautiful medieval church and churchyard - please do contact either Jenny or Judy. There is no upfront commitment - we just send out an email from time to time asking for help with specific events, which might be anything from moving furniture to washing up. Finally we wish you all peace and goodwill and thank so many of you for your incredible support over 2022.

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**Jenny Bushrod and Judy Scott-
Churchwardens**

Fund Raising Events for the Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

		Venue
Saturday 14 January 2023	11:00 – 2:00 pm	Soup & Pudding Lunch with a Winter's tale Enjoy a warming lunch surrounded by a chilly tale narrated by our very own Hugh Parker
Saturday 18 February 2023	12:00 – 1:30 pm	St Mary's Pancake Feast Sweet & savoury pancakes, stalls & raffle at Sheviock Memorial Hall
Saturday 15 April 2023	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Spring Walk & Picnic A local guided walk finishing with a delicious picnic at Sconner Down
Saturday 20 May 2023	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	May Market Local produce, plant stalls, light lunches and sweet treats
Saturday 24 June 2023	5:00 – 9:00 pm	St Mary's Mid-Summer Soiree Strawberries & sweet treats, a glass of fizz with music and recitals to mark mid-summer
Sundays 30 July – 27 August 2023	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon Teas Our second season of Sunday teas to be held at St Mary's with local musicians entertaining
Saturday 23 September 2023	7:30 – 11:30 pm	Harvest Dance A Harvest Dance & Bar Sheviock Memorial Hall
Saturday 21 October 2023	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Annual Heritage Day Medieval dance and music with medieval fayre for lunch
Saturday 18 November 2023	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Lunch with a Story Casseroles and puddings served with a seasonal tale or two
Saturday & Sunday 9 – 10 December 2023	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Angel Festival Our second exhibition of angels, with readings, pictures and angelic music on Saturday evening Seasonal refreshments throughout
First and third Sunday of each month	11:00 – 12:00 am	Drop in for Coffee throughout the year We will be serving coffee and biscuits after our morning service until 12:00 – please do join us.

Margaret Adeline Pengelly (Peggy) 1926-2022

Peggy was born in 1926 in Buckinghamshire, where her father was a gardener for the Sanderson family, and her mother helped in the house. Peggy lived in a small rural village where her father's family had been for generations. This installed in Peggy, at a young age, the benefits having close family ties and a tight knit community.

At the outbreak of War, Peggy moved with her parents to Cornwall to live in a cottage on the Antony Estate where her father was gardener to the Carew-Poles. Living so close to Plymouth during wartime was difficult, especially as when Peggy left Torpoint school she travelled into the often bomb-damaged city to study shorthand and typing at Pitman's College. School was where she met her future husband, Bert, enjoying 56 years of married life together before his death in 2005. They lived in the Coastguard Cottages, Portwrinkle, Peggy finally leaving their home after 68 years, due to ill health. -

Peggy had the kindest heart and endless patience. She spent thousands of hours dedicated to raising her 4 children, mothering her extended family, caring for all the elderly relatives, popping in to check on ailing neighbours and having an open door to all. The kettle was always on, boiled fruit cake ever ready in the cake tin and a warm welcome guaranteed.

Peggy was an active member of her community, attending Bright Hour, the WI, chapel and church. Despite her endless workload, she always tried her best to support Parish events, often providing cake and sausage rolls.

Although Peggy spent nearly all her adult life in Portwrinkle, being married to a family of fishermen, she never fully felt comfortable on the sea. Her underlying passion was for trees, wildlife and the countryside in general. In later years, she particularly enjoyed being taken out in the car, meandering through our beautiful local lanes, especially when adorned in their plethora of wildflowers. She delighted in sitting under the trees, next to the river, pasty in hand, taking a very, very well-deserved rest from life. If you are looking for Peggy, this is where you will find her.

Knowing that Peggy's heart is in the countryside, Kate wrote this poem for our mum.

A Magical Morning.

*Tread carefully upon this place,
Where morning grass is strewn with lace,
And leaves are blown in careless heaps,
Wherein daylight hours the hedgehog sleeps,
You may stoop to stroke the velvet moss,
Where the buttercup yields its golden gloss,
To the gentle kiss of spangled dew,
And the heady scent of feverfew,
If you wander yet awhile,
Beyond the wood, o'er the lichened stile,
Tread not into the darkened ring,
Beneath the oak where blackbirds sing,
For you have chanced upon this place,
Where fairies dance with endless grace,
Be a silent witness, breathe not a word,
Of all today you've seen and heard,
Tomorrow will be gone!*

Peggy's family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service and Finnygook afterwards. Peggy would have been delighted to see all her friends chatting together.

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2023

The Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable show got off to a good start in August 2022 after the country had been in lockdown for a number of years. However the number of entries were down which could have been due to the lack of publicity, little interest in the various classes or in fact the long hot dry period in the run up to the Show.

The show to be held on Saturday August 12th in 2023. With this in mind the classes for the Photography section will be:

Down in the woods
Yum Yum
Insect/insects
Landscape
Through the archway

The classes for the Handicraft section :

Knitted or crocheted item (Please attach yarn label)
An item for a baby up to 1 year (any medium)
Table runner
Christmas decoration
Button art
Decorated photoframe
An upcycled item
Most items fitted into a small matchbox (please list)
The Committee would welcome any ideas for changes to the 2023 show.

Gill Kennedy Show Secretary email
gillk1066@btinternet.com

Message in a Jar

Michael Skinley

Dear Steve,
Thank you for publishing my "message in a jar", which was found by Tam and Phil Harrison whilst walking the Coastal Path. Since Tam contacted me, another 6 emails have arrived from different people/families, who also found the jar. My dearly missed wife Ute, would have been thrilled to bits, to discover that she had finally made the Parish Newsletter!
I have been very emotionally touched by all those who contacted me and am grateful for their kind

words along with some lovely photos/selfies that some of them sent.
I will be back in the Portwrinkle area next Springtime hopefully when visiting family and friends in Plymouth and S.E Cornwall and look forward to a pint or two in the Finnygook, which I am so pleased is back open after the dreadful fire there.
Please keep up the good work with the Parish Newsletter and I will continue to follow activities of the local area in the online version.
Best Regards.

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Our September meeting was cancelled in line with government policy following the death of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II.

As in previous years we are giving parishioners the opportunity to purchase a Winter's Resident's pass for the princely sum of £5. Apply to the clerk's office.

Craig Horner (welcome to the community Craig and family) and the team at "Ideal Property Group" have kindly offered to sponsor and provide the Parish Christmas Tree and lights this year. Warren has once again offered to oversee the installation and Crafhole proofing of the tree and decorations. Many thanks to all concerned.

STOP PRESS. The *Santa Bus* will visit again this year on 20 December - keep a look out for times.

The council would like to express our thanks and appreciation of all the hard work done by Geoff Cadwallader. Geoff has for years worked with the various transport groups, lobbies and companies in order to secure the best possible travel opportunities for our communities. I know Geoff has been frustrated by the recent changes in policies within the County Council and Bus companies and we thank him for choosing to continue to negotiate on our behalf. Geoff's experience and knowledge of the system is unique. Thanks Geoff.

Sorry to learn of the passing of a past employee Neil Bridgeman. Neil was our first ever Parish Dog Warden for Sheviock Parish. Neil certainly brought his own unique character to the post, showing the way forward in this new position. The Parish Council convey our deepest sympathy to his family. It was noted that his wake was to be held at Plymouth Argyle (Thursday 17 November)

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Council News

On Sunday September 11th, the day following the proclamation of King Charles III, it was decreed that the proclamation be relayed to every community in the Realm. It was my proud duty to carry out this task and it was most generous of the good people of St. Mary's to invite me to follow their service of Compline. There are not too many folk who can claim to have done this - the last time being 70 odd years ago. For posterity of the Parish I've reproduced the Proclamation.

Steve Medway



A PROCLAMATION

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

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By popular demand we are delighted to welcome you to our New Year's Party at the Sheviack Memorial Hall, Craffhole. Ticket numbers limited so be sure to call soon to book yours. Dress code optional - I'll be in my suit - if it still fits! Oh yes, it's on Saturday 31 December.

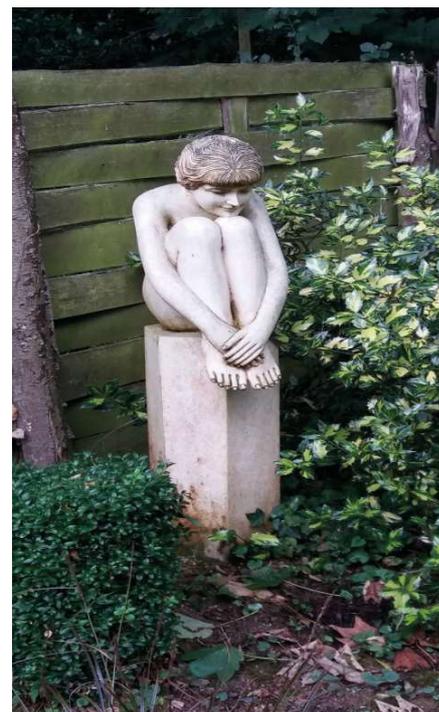
See you there.

In September we visited The Hidden Valley Garden, Treesmill, Nr Fowey. A beautiful three acre garden in a secluded rural valley. There are cottage garden plantings, colourful

herbaceous borders, a potager, Japanese garden, shady fernery, hot border and wildlife friendly pond with bog plants. Collections of crocosmias, dahlias and agapanthus thrive in the warm microclimate.



Photos of our trip to Hidden Valley



In October we had a social gathering to get some ideas for the 2023 calendar. Details to be confirmed at the clubs AGM in February.

In November we had a very informative talk on the RHS Garden Wisley, the flagship garden of the RHS and home to some of the largest plant collections anywhere in



the world from Trevor Wiltshire who was Superintendent at RHS Wisley from 1993 until 2006. The naturalistic Rock Garden is one of Wisley's oldest and most

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.

Meetings are usually in the form of visits to gardens in the months of April, May, June, July and September. We do not normally have an August meeting.

Membership fees: £12 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2

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magnificent features. It is a show case for a wide range of plants that flourish in alpine conditions and dwarf conifers, alongside winding paths and calming water features. There is a Japanese larch which is more than 200 years old.

In December we are off to see the Christmas Lights at the Eden Project.

Since my last report, the new Go Cornwall Bus Timetables commenced operation on the 4th September, but without any notification, many of the timings were suddenly altered on the 30th October with 10 minutes being added to journey times of most 70A Buses travelling from Plymouth to Cremyll & five minutes more on journey times of many buses departing Cremyll for Plymouth. Please note that for most of the day the 70A now departs Royal Parade on the hour & not five minutes past, & from Torpoint Ferry to Royal Parade the 70A now departs at five minutes past the hour. You can find details of the alterations on the CityBus or Go Cornwall Websites. We were doubtful about the need for the changes as e.g. if you look at the times of the 16.00 & 18.25 ex Royal Parade NO.70 B Buses, which both call at our villages, you will note that the former bus is scheduled to take 29 minutes longer than the 18.25 for the identical journey to Millbrook. It does not make a lot of sense as only one extra minute is for the part of the journey from Royal Parade to the Ferry. The other additional 28 minutes are incurred on the Ferry & in Cornwall. Those responsible have of course been informed but no action to date,

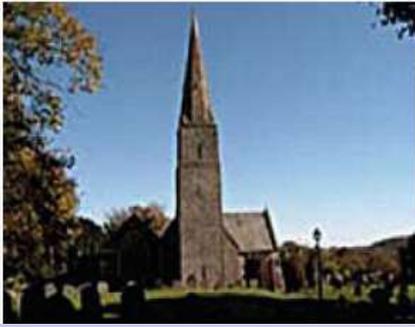
We held our Rame Peninsula public Transport Users Group AGM on the 27th October, which was attended by senior officers from Cornwall Council & Go South West/ Go Cornwall Bus. The most important commitment we obtained from Cornwall Council at the meeting was that we would be given the opportunity to put forward at an early stage the alterations we would like to see take place when the timetable is next altered, next April a Surprisingly the initial meeting had already taken place on line on Monday 14th November when a sub group of our RPPTUG met with senior officers of Cornwall Council & Go Cornwall Bus. I have to say that from the initial responses received, I am not over optimistic about what improvements we will get particularly for our own local area, but we will probably not know more until February. One of our requests that is very enthusiastically backed by everyone in our users group, is for the 75 Liskeard – Torpoint Bus to run through to Plymouth. It is thought that this would transform it from the unpopular & unreliable connecting bus service that some users are nervous to use, as a missed six minute connection on the return journey means a 2/3 hour wait at Torpoint for the next bus. However, it will mean the cost of an extra bus & driver & that is the drawback in the current financial climate, but this has now become a major project for us to pursue. We still keep plugging away at trying to get more 70A Buses diverted via Crafhole & Sheviock but as mentioned in the last newsletter, the Cornwall Council Public Transport Network Specialist continues to give negative responses to our requests by now giving as a new reason that on principle we already have an adequate bus service!

On a more positive note, although not advertised, it is now possible to use the current 75 Bus Service to visit Trago Mills. On all weekdays you can catch the No.75 bus to Liskeard that e.g. departs the Kimberley Foster Bus Stop in Crafhole at 10.02 and stay on the bus in Liskeard (arrive 10.47) as it then forms the 10.52 No.77 Bus to Hannafore Point that will get you to Trago Mills at 11.02. You will have 1 hour 23 minutes there as you will need to catch the No. 77 Bus that departs Trago Mills at 12.25 to Liskeard (arrive 12.35) but again stay on the bus as it forms the 12.40 No. 75 (to Torpoint) arriving back at Crafhole (KF) at 13.22. The buses call at all the other stops in our parish i.e. Sheviock, the Finnygook Bus Shelter & Portwrinkle. On all Saturdays and on weekdays during School Holidays you can spend much longer time at Trago Mills as you can catch later returning No. 77 Buses calling at Trago Mills at 14.25 (change at Liskeard) & 16.25 (stay on bus at Liskeard). You could also go to Trago Mills on a later 75 Bus departing Crafhole (KF) at 12.02.

If you experience problems with our local bus service, we would advise to contact both Cornwall Council email transport@cornwall.gov.uk Tel. 03001234222 & Go Cornwall Bus email ask@gocornwallbus.co.uk Tel. 08081952632 but please also let us know by contacting either Ian Court email ianxcourt7@icloud.com Tel. 07956449388 or Martial Bugliolo email mbuglioli@pca.co.uk Tel. 07376282509

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LOCAL RAIL SERVICE FROM ST. GERMANS STATION – The new service comes into operation on December 11th but once again there is no reduction in the number of trains scheduled to call at the station. On the up line on Mondays to Fridays there are 23 trains calling, comprised of 2 morning through trains to Paddington, 7 to Cardiff, 1 to Bristol, 1 to Gloucester, 1 to Exeter and 11 to Plymouth. There has of course been recent disruptions to rail services caused by strikes that are set to continue.



Reverend Canon Lynn retired on 31st August, the Benefice of the St Germans group of

Churches with Antony and Shevioc is now in interregnum. The new pattern of services is working well and as in churches and chapels throughout the country we have to come to terms with attending other churches when there is no service in our "own" place of worship.

Following the sad news of Queen Elizabeth II's death St Mary's followed the protocol as directed. The church bells were rung on the appropriate dates and times and the church dressed in mourning. A portrait of the Queen and Book of Condolence were placed inside the church and candles for those wishing to light one. On the eve before the Queen Elizabeth's funeral a service of Compline was held followed by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Steve

Medway, reading the Proclamation. The service ended with the National Anthem – God Save the King and three cheers for King Charles III.

Harvest was celebrated in October; the produce donated was given to the Food Bank, 50.4kg. There was a collection for the Pakistan Floods Appeal raising £202.11. The Remembrance Sunday service was well attended. Five wreaths were laid.

The service was followed by coffee and shortbread "poppies". Donations from the service and coffees raised £227.50 for The Royal British Legion.

The Benefice has given real Advent calendars (portraying the Christmas story) to each class in Antony, St Germans and Donderry schools. Christingle services will be held in the schools. Each child in the schools will be given a Christingle bag containing everything needed to make a Christingle. These services are held in aid of The Children's Society.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 27th November, 6:00pm Advent Carols, St Mary's.

Sunday 18th December 4:00pm Out of the Darkness

6:00pm Outdoor Carols, Portwrinkle

Saturday 24th December 3:00pm

**Café Carols, St Mary's
9:00pm Holy Communion, St Mary's**

Services

The First Sunday of the Month – Holy Communion 10:00 am

The Third Sunday of the Month – Morning Prayer 10:00 am

All are welcome.

Services are followed by coffee and biscuits. If you are passing you are welcome to join us.

**Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod,
Churchwardens.**

**Information can be found at
www.achurchnearyou/stmarysshevioc.com**



Angel Festival

with angelic refreshments throughout

Saturday 10th/11th December

Saturday 10th December

10 am – 3 pm Angel Exhibition Open

7 pm – 9 pm Angel Voices with Reflections Choir

Concert Tickets £5

Sunday 11th December

10 am – 12 noon Angel Exhibition Open with *Carolaire*

2 pm – 4 pm A Classic Angel Film on our big screen

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Community Shop News

Lynn Vickery

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM YOUR SHOP.

Hello again everyone. It must be me getting older - how quickly this year has flown by and we are once again wishing all our wonderful supporters the greetings of the season.

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to our two most recent volunteers - Chris Blackmore and Mel Parry. Welcome, and we hope you are both settling in and finding out how fulfilling the job can be. As always, we would welcome more volunteers to help spread the load - please contact Ellen at the PO if you are interested.

On a sad note, we have had to say goodbye to one of our Directors - Diane Taylor, who has had to resign on health grounds. Thank you Di for ALL your hard work and support and we wish you well as you go through this very difficult period in your life. May you come out at the other end with a big smile on your face.

Hopefully many of you will have been in the shop and seen our decorations (thank you Celia) and all the seasonal goodies we have in stock. There are (if anything is left) some lovely little gift items - stocking fillers perhaps - and Christmassy culinary delights to tempt your taste buds. Our opening hours over the Christmas break are as follows:- Now, something for everyone to think about and indeed, comment on - as no doubt many of you will.

Ellen, our lovely Post - Mistress has reached that stage in life when she wishes to hang up her stamper and calculator

Dates – December/January		SHOP	PO
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve	0900-1200	0900-1200
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day	Closed	Closed
Monday 26th	Boxing Day	0900-1100	Closed
Tuesday 27th	Bank Holiday	0900-1100	Closed
NORMAL TIMES RESUME			
Saturday 31st	New Year's Eve	0900-1100	0900-1200
Sunday January 1st	New Year's Day	0900-1100	Closed
Monday January 2nd	Bank Holiday	0900-1100	Closed
NORMAL TIMES RESUME			

and take a well earned and belated retirement. We would, I am sure, all wish her a long, very happy and fulfilled one. However, this puts both the future of the Post-Office and Shop in a very difficult position - one which, at the moment, the directors feel insufficiently qualified to deal with unaided.

The premises in which the PO and Shop are situated are privately owned and, on Ellen's retirement, will revert to a family home and no longer be available for its present use. Putting it bluntly, WE SHALL NO LONGER HAVE A VILLAGE

SHOP AND PO...! At the time of writing this, dates have not been arranged and certainly Ellen will give us reasonable notice, but, with new systems being introduced for the PO, time is running out as Ellen will not wish to take on all the extra training that this will involve.



So, the directors are putting out an appeal to every resident in our Parish ...

DO YOU WISH TO KEEP OUR SHOP? (The PO would probably not reopen - unless there is someone willing to take this on). If so, is there anyone out there with the kind of experience and drive to take on the task of finding alternative premises?

The directors have looked into various options - the Chapel School Room perhaps, but as there is no pavement outside, we feel this is a non-starter (even if the Chapel were to agree). Then, we considered the Village Hall grounds and, even if we got permission from Antony Estates to situate a shop there (which would be ideal), we feel the sheer cost of -for example- buying and erecting a suitable Portacabin plus all the expense of putting in services would be prohibitive. Obviously, we would be able to apply for Grant funding, but what would be the limit and would providers consider such a cost an effective use of their money? We could, perhaps, house a very small, "basics only" shop somewhere - but where?

So, there you have it. Suggestions and offers of help will be very welcome. We know that there are many of you who would be severely affected by the demise of both the shop and the PO - elderly people and those without transport for example - especially with our very unreliable and limited bus service so, please, please do think about this and talk amongst yourselves to see what can be done. The shop directors are not bailing out - far from it - but we do need help. To that end, please will you come to our AGM on Wed Dec 14th, Village Hall 7pm, where there will be a chance to air your views and suggestions? PLEASE COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY at an extraordinary final item on the agenda.

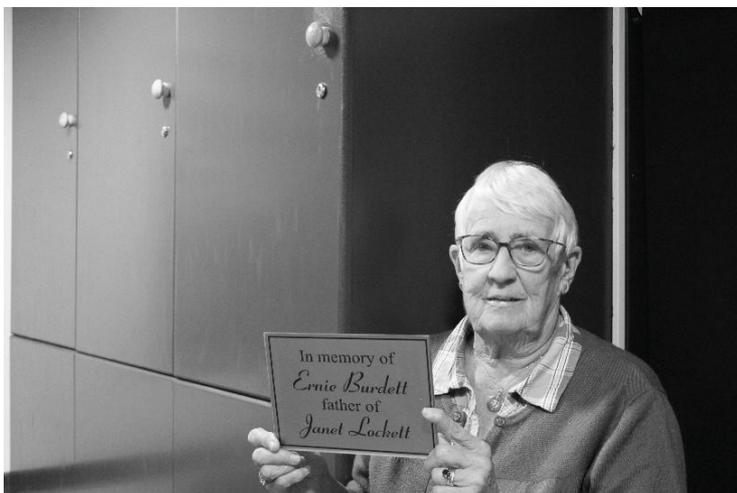
On that rather big bombshell it now falls upon the directors to wish you ALL a very Merry Christmas and (for the shop in particular) a prosperous and eventful New Year. We look forward to your continued support and, as always, welcome any new volunteers to our ranks.

PS - If you cannot come to our AGM, please use the green comments book in the PO to make any suggestions you feel would be helpful.

Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the shop directors.

In October we had the annual Craft fair at the hall, my admiration must go to all the talented crafters who each year display a multitude of wonderful goodies. A massive thank you to Lynn Vickery, she has organised it for many years and would now like to hand responsibility over to a new person. We really need it to continue and would appreciate anyone in the parish who would like to take on the organisation of this event. Lynn will be happy to support and advise anyone who takes it on. The new cupboards in the lounge room now proudly display a plaque in memory of Ernie Burdett, the late father of Janet Lockett. He kindly bequeathed money to the hall and made it possible for them to be built and installed earlier this year by Clive Shorten who lives in the parish.

I would like to give few 'thank you' shout-outs



to local residents who have helped the village hall in a variety of specific ways during the last couple of months. Jamie has completed repairs to the roof and has made the hall water tight. A resident in St Germans kindly donated a fridge freezer. Grateful thanks to Rob who helped me transport it to the hall and many thanks to Warren who is helping to put it into a new place for us.

***Editor's note - don't forget we're having a New Year's party at the hall - see page 11 for details.**

By the time you read this report, the hall fair will have taken place, there will have been mince pies consumed, games played and Father Christmas will have made many children smile with his kindness.

Even though during the last few months there have not been many major events at the hall, the weekly classes continue to take place and are always ready to welcome yourself and friends. So many of the classes offer support for your health and wellbeing in a warm environment with the opportunity to meet other people – this is so important when there can be so many pressures and worries for everyone. There is Bowls on a Monday afternoon, Short tennis on a Thursday evening, Badminton on a Wednesday evening for juniors and adults. Join in with Pilates on Tuesday evenings with Liz. Keep fit with Susie on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on a Friday evening enjoy relaxing yoga with Jackie. The snooker club is available for new members to join for under £17 for the year! And of course for the younger children we have vacancies for new children aged 2-4 to attend the daily preschool sessions from 9am – 3pm during term time. Importantly the hall provides an excellent venue for all your parties and wedding needs, please contact us for further information

On behalf of the committee, We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy

New Year for 2023 *

Please note - The hall AGM is Monday 6th February – please come along and show support, the village hall is there for everyone and we welcome your views and interest.

Please contact Paula on 07900553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com to arrange a free visit or for further information.



Our Mission Statement.

We pray that Crafhole Methodist Church may always be God-Centred, providing a place where God's family may worship, reach out in Christian love and service to the community and draw in all people of all ages and abilities, so that they can learn that God loves and values them.

Meeting time is at 10.30am each and every Sunday

We share our services with Donderry and St Germans on some Sundays which we advertise on our notice board.

All are very welcome

Services for December

Sunday 4th December TOY SERVICE 10.30

Please wrap, and label Boy or Girl and age

Sunday 11th December. Prof Morgan
at 10.30am

Sunday 18th CAROL Service at
6.30pm

Sunday 25th December CHRISTMAS
DAY Service at 10.30am All are
welcome to each and every service.

Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

Thelma Wells 100th Birthday Party

Anique Skinner

On behalf of my Aunt I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made her party such a success on 23rd of August. There was a turnout of nearly 100 people which was amazing, as was the food everyone brought, and Thelma was delighted to see so many people. She received 67 birthday cards in all, including the all important one from The Queen and they will decorate her room for some time to come.

We would like to give special thanks to Lynn Vickery for organising the hall and publicity and making the beautiful birthday cake. Grateful thanks to Olive, Mel and Dawn for their hard work in the kitchen, Bill, Mike and everyone else who helped make it such a successful afternoon.
Best wishes Anique Skinner

Many thanks!

What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

Would be nice to see greater involvement by local people. There is spare table time on the playing schedule

Short Tennis.

Short Tennis is played in the Sheviock Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, equipment is provided Mike Cloughton 230022

Short Mat Bowls

You may or may not know that for the past 14 years a Short Mat bowls club has existed in Crafhole. We meet in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole every Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm and Friday evening 7.30pm onwards..

It's not too difficult once you realise that the bowls are biased towards you **not** them being self-directional. Aiming for the little yellow ball whilst circumnavigating a piece of wood mid-way down the carpet ensures you can and will get frustrated. Perseverance eventually wins. Why not try and see if you have it in you ! Have you got the nerve to try it or are you just a sit at home and watch television fanatic. Contact 230326

Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise

Keep Fit gently on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15PM. Come along and join us and have some fun. Barbara 230326

Badminton Club

Last season was disappointing. Only 3 children came to the sessions. We will begin again for children of different ages and meet on Wednesday 14th September at 6.00pm

I look forward to having a bigger group next term

Adults of all ages meet at 8.00pm . We value people of all abilities and it would be good to see some new faces
Barbara 230326

Crafhole Pre-school

We are open daily during term time and can offer flexible time sessions between 9am – 3pm. We have competitive session fees and receive up to 30 hours NEF funding for eligible 2, 3 and 4 yr olds . We have a rolling intake throughout the year as your child reaches enrolment age.

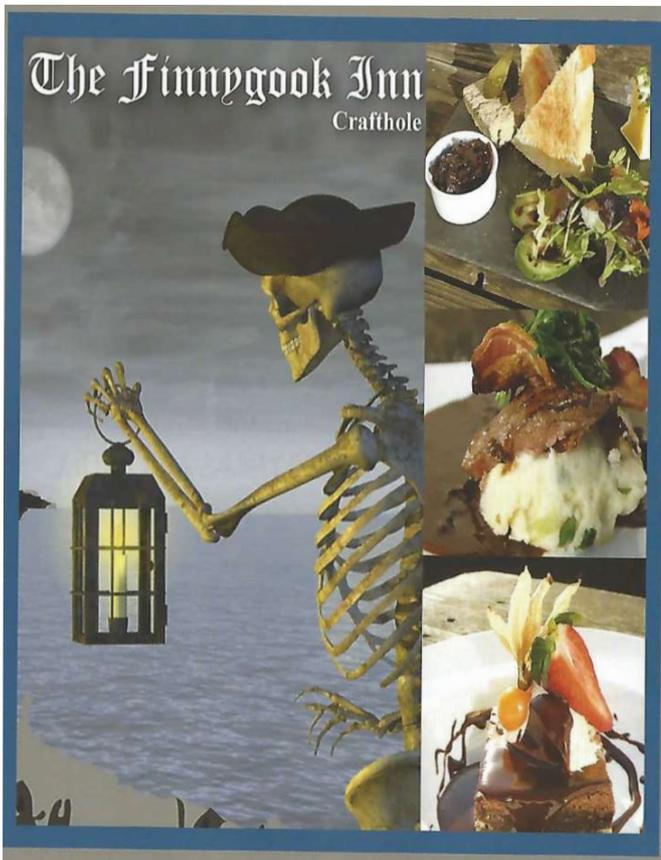
Your child will gain increased confidence and thrive within our play based, imaginative learning environment which stimulates all children to investigate and explore. Experienced staff ensure a safe nurturing home from home style environment meeting each family's individual needs.

Please contact Paula on 07900553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com to arrange a free visit or for further information.

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Thursdays Purestretch 6.00-6.45pm @ £5pp.

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Film Club

Lynn Vickery

Our film club is ticking over nicely with a membership of nearly 30 (they don't all turn up together though!) We have enjoyed some lovely films so far this year - though I think we all thought the October one - "Girl on the Train"- was a bit spookier than we expected it to be. At the time of writing, our November film (Brooklyn) has not yet been screened, but we are looking forward to it.

We have booked "The Full Monty" for December, but I am hoping to change it for the highly acclaimed Emma Thompson film "Last Christmas" or "The Man Who

Invented Christmas".

For January through to March, I am hoping to get "Phantom of the Open", "Where the Crawdads Sing" and "Operation Mincemeat".

Watch out for the ads as the films are due. As always, I need to know numbers so please always book your seat by 'phone or message me. If you are a new or returning member, it will cost you £6 for the year, thereafter £3 per film. I look forward to seeing you at our screenings.

Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503 230048

Torpoint 3G Artificial Pitch

Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula are in desperate need of a 3G Artificial Pitch to facilitate the growth of our Rugby and Football clubs, supporting both training and match day needs. A variety of stakeholders are working collaboratively behind the scenes to help progress this project. Community support is needed to demonstrate the need for an artificial pitch, to provide evidence to potential funding bodies. Please sign the petition here:

<https://www.change.org/Torpoint3G>

Mobile Library Debs Casey

I wondered if it would be possible to pass on this information about the mobile library service which comes to Crafthole every four weeks? I wondered if there are many parishioners who aren't aware of this service but would be glad to use it. The library van always stops at the bus stop near the cross from 12:10 to 12:30. The next call will be on Dec. 13th.

The timetable can be found on the Cornwall Library Service Website at

I hope this is useful.

If you were around in the 1970s, as I was, you might have heard the following piece of information: “You can fit everyone on earth, standing shoulder to shoulder, in a space no bigger than the Isle of Wight”. In 1975, shoulder to shoulder, that was apparently true, with the world population at 4 billion. Yesterday, according to the United Nations we reached 8 billion. However, you will be pleased to know that today, even if we factored in social distancing, everyone could still fit in a space smaller than the Netherlands¹. That said, if we tried, it might raise the odd eyebrow in Amsterdam! Whether there is ‘enough room’ is a hot topic. From refugees and migrants crossing the Channel, to insufficient housing stock, and available spaces in the social care system, the question is everywhere. And it doesn’t stop there, if we think about how we accommodate one another’s views these days. There are lots of discussion about whether certain views should be allowed to be expressed or shut down before that happens. Have we become less tolerant now of those we think are intolerant, for example? How that would be an irony!

As Christmas approaches, we will again tell the story of a young family for whom there was no room available at the Inn. The Nativity took place around the back in a stable, or maybe some kind of cave where animals were kept. It was rough and ready to say the least, not the Bethlehem Plaza. Presidents and Kings have the luxury suites but Mary and Joseph caring for Jesus (whom Isaiah calls the ‘King of Kings’), had to make do in a corner between the cattle.

¹ Adapted from <https://thecompartments.uk/2020/06/06/everyone-on-earth-standing-on-the-isle-of-wight/>



Many Methodist Churches are currently thinking about the theme ‘THERE IS NO ROOM’, to do what can be done to make sure there is. In the UK in 2022, there are far increasing numbers of people who are marginalised, hungry, suffering the cold, and/or experiencing loneliness. Consequently, there are churches opening ‘warm spaces’ for people to come in to sit more comfortably and spend time with others. As churches continue to support foodbanks, there are now initiatives to hand out free meals, and cooking ingredients to those for whom the cost-of-living crisis is biting hard. Often people feel more charitably spirited at Christmas, but the Churches have a deeper motivation in the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. In his life, he made room for the marginalised, the outcasts, having himself begun life as a refugee. He fed the hungry and sat down with the poor. He made room... no, he makes room, for all who will come. As the candles are lit for the carols, it’s time to make room for him, and not just for Christmas.

Rev Jonathan Budd, Methodist minister for Crafthole, St Germans and Downderry.



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